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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE: CASE OF RHODESIAN
IRON AND STEEL CO., LTD. (RISCO)

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1. DEPTOFF AND BRITISH EMBOFF MET WITH TREASURY OFFICIALS
JUNE 17 TO DISCUSS HMG INTEREST IN STUDYING BOOKS OF
EUROPEAN-AMERICAN BANK IN NEW YORK.

2. TREASURY REPS REPORTED COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION OF
NEW YORK EAB OFFICE ON BASIS DOCUMENTS FURNISHED TO DATE BY
HMG. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FURNISHED TO EMBOFF. BECAUSE OF
GEOGRAPHICALLY LIMITED NATURE OF INVESTIGATION, REPORT IS
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TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME ONLY TO USG OFFICIALS AND

FOREIGN OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING THEIR NATIONALS' POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN RISCO TRANSACTION. EMBOFF TO FORWARD REPORT TO LONDON FOR STUDY AFTER WHICH HMG OFFICIALS MAY WISH COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH TREASURY ABOUT POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTIONS.

3. TREASURY REPS SAID NY INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED (A) APPARENT INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY TO INVEST IN RHODESIA CENTERED IN FRG, FRANCE, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND; (B) EAB'S BERMUDA FACILITY PLAYED ONLY MINOR ROLE; (C) NY FACILITY APPEARED UNAWARE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF ITS LOANS BECAUSE OF RELIANCE UPON INTEGRITY OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN GUARANTORS

4. TREASURY OFFICIAL SAID MOST EFFICIENT METHOD FOR INVESTIGATING CASE MIGHT BE FORMATION OF TASK FORCE OF INVESTIGATORS FROM EACH AFFECTED COUNTRY TO CALL UPON EACH INSTITUTION INVOLVED.

5. SHOULD HMG OFFICIALS STILL DESIRE CALL UPON NY OFFICE OF EAB AFTER REVIEWING TREASURY REPORT, TREASURY REPS SAID THEY COULD FORESEE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPAL AND WOULD CONTEMPLATE HAVING TREASURY REP ACCOMPANY HMG INVESTIGATORS. SISCO

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